# FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

**Chatham Experiment Station**

Bright tobacco growers are invited to attend the Chatham Bright Tobacco Experiment Station, Friday July 27. Those planning to attend should meet either at the county agent's office at 11:30 A. M., or at Jones' Store at Red House at 12 noon. In attending the station, the growers will have an opportunity to observe experiments in rotation, disease control, insect control, sucker control, fertilizer placement and amounts, as well as seeing new varieties that are being tested.

**Charlotte Experiment Station**

All Appomattox farmers are invited to attend the Charlotte Field Day on August 3. Those growers of dark tobacco will especially enjoy this tour while others will enjoy seeing the work being done with corn and other forage crops. Those who would like to go in the group should meet at the county agent's office at 12:30. Others who plan to go along should be at the station by 1:30 in order to see the entire work being conducted.

**Dark Fired Tobacco Tour**

Growers of dark tobacco will be interested in touring the farm of T. H. Tanner at Concord on Monday, August 6, at 2 P. M. Mr. Tanner is conducting the varietal demonstration in Appomattox County this year with dark tobacco. To discuss these varieties while on the tour, G. R. Mathews, Extension Tobacco Specialist and R. D. Sears, Superintendent of the Charlotte Experiment Station, will be present.

Mr. Tanner's farm is located 5 miles north of Concord on Route 608 near the intersection of Routes 670 and 608.

**Artificial Insemmination Short Course**

The 1956 Short Course will be held at VPI, August 6 through 18. Registration fee is five dollars. Cost for equipment will be around ten dollars and the cost of room and board for the two weeks will run from sixty to eighty dollars. Those interested in attending should obtain an application form from the county agent's office.

**Termite Control**

Many home owners have been troubled with termites from time to time. A report recently issued by the Southern Forest Experiment Station regarding the effectiveness of certain products gives the following results;

"After 11 years of concentration of 8 per cent of DDT in No. 2 fuel oil applied at the rate of 2½ gallons per 10 cubic feet of soil is still 90 per cent effective.

"A 10 per cent concentration of sodium arsenite in water applied at the rate of 3 3-4 gallons per 10 cubic feet is still giving 100 per cent protection after 7 years.

"Benzene hexachloride at a concentration of 0.8 per cent of gamma isomer in kerosene applied at the rate of 2½ gallons per 10 cubic feet is still giving 90 per cent protection after 9 years."

**Dark - Fired Tobacco Election**

Election for the purpose of voting for a director for Appobattox County dark-fired tobacco growers association, will be held from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. at the Court House in Appomattox on Saturday, July 28. Those who will be unable to vote at this time are urged to pick up a ballot in the county agent's office and mail it in.

**Plant A Fall Garden**

Several vegetables must be planted again this month to maintain a continuous supply. Plant more sweet corn and possibly tomatoes. Almost anytime this month, plant snap beans, turnip greens, radishes, broccoli, collards and cabbage. Later plant kale, mustard, turnip greens and spinach. Virginia Savoy spinach will probably produce better if planted in August or early September.

Work old plant residue into the soil, or place it in a compost pile. If plants are heavily diseased, burn them. The seedbed should be well prepared and smooth, but it should be worked shallow to prevent loss of moisture in what may be a dry season. A 5-10-5 or 5-10-10 commercial fertilizer should be broadcast and worked into the soil. There will probably be some fertilizer left in the soil from the spring garden, so use the amount for the fall garden. The amount to use will depend somewhat on how the previous crop grew. The recommendation for the spring garden is 20 to 30 pounds of commercial fertilizer per 1,000 square feet. The amount possibly can be reduced to 10 to 15 pounds per 1,000 square feet for the fall garden.

July is generally a hot, dry month so make every possible effort to conserve soil moisture. Plant seed a little deeper to take advantage of the lower level soil moisture. After the seed has been covered and the soil gently pressed over them, a layer of about one-quarter inch of sawdust over the row will help conserve moisture and prevent a crust.

**PREPARED SEEDBED URGED FOR PASTURES**

Blacksburg, Va.- Pasture seeded on a properly prepared seedbed may produce two to three times as much livestock fed as the same mixture, with the same fertilization and management, seeded on a poorly prepared seedbed, says G. R. Epperson, Associate Agronomist of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Extension Service.

"Results obtained will depend somewhat on the kind of soil and its fertility as well as the mixture used but will practically always be two to three times better on a well-prepared seedbed than one that is poorly prepared," he said.

"In an experiment conducted for a three year period, yields of dry forage grown on a seedbed prepared by disking and cultipacked after seeding was 1.8 times greater than those produced where no prior preparation was made and the area cultipacked after seeding. In the same experiment, plowing, disking, and seeding followed by the cultipacking operation resulted in dry forage yields 2.8 times as great as where the seedbed was not prepared prior to seeding. Areas plowed and disked produced 1.55 times as much dry forage as areas that were thoroughly disked. In this experiment all soil was limed to a pH of 6.2 to 6.5 and the same grade and amount of fertilizer per acre was applied to all areas.

"Average yields of all mixtures used in this experiment, on a dry forage basis, were 2,179 pounds where no seedbed preparation was made; 3,569 pounds where the seedbed was prepared by disking, and 6,261 pounds where the seedbed was prepared by plowing and disking. Based on the results of this and other experiments it certainly pays to prepare a good seedbed, to apply the proper kind and to apply adequate fertilizer to produce high yields of good quality pasture."

**VIRGINIA ANNOUNCED AS SAFETY CONTEST WINNER**

Richmond, Va. — Colonel C. W. Woodson, Jr., Superintendent of State Police, and James A. Anderson, State Highway Commissioner, both of whom are members of the Governor's Highway Safety Committee, have just received word from the National Safety Council that Virginia has been adjudged winner among the 12 southern states in the fields of police traffic supervision and traffic engineering for 1955 in the Council's nationwide traffic safety contest. National standings among the 48 states were fourth and sixth respectively.

Although the contest is sponsored by the Council, police supervision activities are judged by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and engineering by the Institute of Traffic Engineers.

Previously, the Council had announced Virginia winner among the southern group of states, with second national ranking, in the maintenance and use of accident records, group winner and first ranking nationally in school safety education, group winner and fifth ranking nationally in public information and group winner and third national ranking for achieving effective public support. In addition, the state was one of 13 given full credit for its program of motor vehicle inspection and was considered to have the best overall traffic legislation in the nation although no awards were given in these categories. All judgings were based solely on the work of state agencies.

Although Virginia's actual death record placed her fifth nationally, her overall activities, which include this, brought a total score of 90.8 which was the highest in the nation with Washington's 84.1 second high.

Both safety officials expressed gratification at such recognition of Virginia's efforts and appreciation for the work of the various public media, individuals and organizations which helped to make them possible, but warned the motoring public that it is not outstanding safety promotion but the record of death injury and loss that really counts.

**Electric Fence Aids Strip Grazing**

Shifting cows to new pastures in a rotational grazing plan calls for a quick, easy way to install and remove fences. The job can be done with temporary steel posts and barbless 18 gauge copper-coated steel wire.

Set the posts 45 to 50 feet apart and use a good insulator. The copper coated wire is cheap, durable, and easy to handle. Such a fence costs about $70 per mile. You can operate it for 10c worth of electricity per month.

Figure the height of the fence at two-thirds the height of the animals on pasture. You need only one wire 30 to 36 inches above the ground to hold dairy cattle.

Use only an approved controller unit. Homemade controllers may be dangerous.

Put the controller out of doors only when it has a waterproof case. A dry and clean location inside is best.

Be sure to ground the controller with a 5-8 inch copper rod or a 3-4 inch galvanized pipe driven at least eight feet into the ground.

**SHENANDOAH PARK NOW 20 YEARS OLD**

Shenandoah National Park, the cool recreational high in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, was dedicated 20 years ago this summer.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke July 3, 1936, on the windswept Big Meadows plain dedicating the park "to the present and succeeding generations of America for the recreation and re-creation which we shall find here."

Since that time, almost 20,000,000 Americans have toured the park on the famed Skyline Drive that runs along the mountains' top between Front Royal and Rockfish Gap near Waynesboro.

The Park's story goes back long before 1936. Congress authorized the idea in 1925 but the real job — promotion of enough interest and money to obtain the 521,000 acres the Department of Interior first wanted — was done between 1925 and 1935 by public spirited Virginians and other interested individuals.

There was little or no information or data on what the park would cost," recalled William E. Carson, a limestone products manufacturer from Riverton. He was named in 1926 by Harry F. Byrd, then Governor, to head a Commission on Conservation and Development and was given the task of acquiring the land.

"We could find no persons who could accurately tell us the number of acres in the park area. And last, but not least, there was turned over to us in a big dry-goods box approximately 26,000 pledges to be classified, listed and collected," Carson said.

The pledges had been obtained in various fund raising drives, including a plea for Virginians to "buy an acre" of the park for $6.

Faced with the big dry-goods box and little cash, Corson suggested, he recalled later, that the best thing to do with his commission was to send them all to "one of the state lunatic asylums."

Virginia's General Assembly, on Governor Byrd's recommendation, appropriated a million dollars to add to private contributions which later amounted to another million.

The park's size also posed a problem. Congress first said it wanted 521,000 acres but this proved an impossible goal. The desired acreage was later cut to 160,000 but still there were more than 3,500 separate tracts of land to be purchased and few mountaineers wanted to sell.

Boundries were obscure and surveyors found the land area indicated on maps tended to shrink when they started measuring it. Many early surveys, it developed, had measured the distance down a mountain side and up the other, thus producting a greater figure than actually existed. One gift of 1,000 acres turned out to contain less than 500 acres upon measuring.

Then there was the problem of getting the land. The General Assembly in 1928 passed a land condemnation act but Robert H. Via of Hershey, Pa., argued this violated the 14th Amendment and fought all the way to the United States Supreme Court to block an effort to condemn his property in Albemarle County. His suit, dismissed in November 1935, was one of the last obstacles to be cleared.

Nowadays the park has more than 190,000 acres and attracts more than 1,500,000 visitors each year. Major attractions include the cool, modern rooms available at Big Meadows Lodge of Skyland. There are also dining rooms, gift shops and automobile service stations at convenient points along the Drive.

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# CHURCH NEWS

**HOME-COMING AT PINEY RIDGE CHURCH**

There will be a home-coming on Sunday, July 29, at the Piney Ridge Methodist Church, located 1½ miles west of Pamplin. Former members and friends are invited to be present. (2t)

**Memorial Methodist Church**

Rev. Lee H. Richcreek, Pastor

10 A. M. Sunday School.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. "What Does Your Name Mean?"

Evening Service, 8:00 P. M. Sermon topic: "The Sense of Wonder."

**Red Oak Baptist Church**

July 29, 1956

9:45 A. M. Sunday School.

6:45 P. M. Training Union.

8:00 P. M. Worship Service.

Rev. Robert E. Harris, Jr., guest minister.

Prayer Service every Thursday at 8:00 P. M. Welcome.

**Bible Baptist Church**

Rev. Randolph Hite, Pastor

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M. Sermon by pastor.

Young Peoples' Meeting, 7 P. M.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 P. M.

Mid-week Service, Wed., 7:30 P. M.

**Liberty Baptist Church**

Dr. Carl A. Collins, Jr., Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45.

Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.

B. T. U., 6:45.

Evening Service, 8:00 P. M.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday at 7:30.

Nursery open for infants through three years of age.

**St. Ann's Episcopal Church**

Services Sunday, July 29

at 9:00 A. M.

The Rev. Charles Norfleet Morning Prayer and Sermon.

**Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church**

Clyde Shelton, Pastor

10:00 A. M. Sunday School.

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon by Pastor.

7:00 P. M. Youth Service, conducted by the youth.

7:30 P. M. Evangelistic Service.

7:30 P. M., Wednesday,- Prayer Service, Bible Study.

**REVIVAL AT BETHEL**

Revival services at Bethel Methoodist Church will begin this day, July 29, at 8 P. M. and continue through Friday evening, August 3. The Rev. Howard C. Hall, pastor of the Page Memorial Church, Luray, Va., will be the revival preacher. Rev. Smith is brother of Rev. Aaron D. Smith, pastor of the Appomattox Methodist Circuit.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Special music will be featured throughout the week.

**ORGAN RECITAL TO BE GIVEN AT LONGWOOD**

Miss Josephine Bailey, organist and director of the choir of Anne's Parish, Annapolis, Md., will give an organ recital as the second program of the summer College Artists Series for Longwood, summer session in Jarman Auditorium at 8 p. m., Monday, July 30.

Formerly, Miss Bailey was organist and choir director in the Lee Street Church in Baltimore and the First Church in Washington. She is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory of Music and the B. S. degree from the Johns Hopkins University.

The program for the recital will include Bach's "Prelude and Fugue, A Minor," and "Prelude and Fugue in B Minor." Other numbers on the program will be "Chaconne" by Louis Couperin, "Flute Solo" by Thomas Arne, "Gavotte" by Samuel Wesley, "Carillon-Sortie" by Henri Mulet, and Dialogue for Mutine and "Suite Breve" and "Song of Sorrow" by Jean Langlais.

The public is invited to attend and there will be no charge for admission.

**"IT'S THE HEAT"**

Chicago.- Do you ever moan, "The heat is killing me!" Well, it is, and so can cold!

Excessive heat and cold killed 208 persons in the United States in 1954. Excessive heat was responsible for 978 of the deaths, excessive cold for 230.

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**NEWS from HOLLYWOOD**

One of the most splendiferous reminders of Hollywood's glamorous eras — the elaborately lavish house of Marion Davis, into which she is said to have poured $3,250,000, is being torn down. It is to be replaced by a more up-to-date feature of American culture — a motel.

We hear that Bob Hope and Gina Lollogrigida will do "The Night Is Mine" in London next winter. With them will be John Woolf, Betty Box, and Ralph Thomas. Bob's next film work will be in the Jimmy Walker Story, "Beau James."

A newcomer to Hollywood, who is well known in her native England, is Dianna Dors, who has been referred to as a British "Marilyn Monroe." While she does closely resemble Marilyn, she certainly won't have to trade on Monroe's popularity — she has a personality of her own, which is sure to take her places.

Bill Holden, who says he is physically worn out and tired of acting, wants to direct. Holden, by the way, has taken a house in Honolulu where he and his family are spending a six-weeks vacation. Then, in October, they will make a trip around the world. Nice!

Screen rights to "Mavourneen," an original by Edward Lewis, were purchased by Kirk Douglas, who outbid Danny Kaye and Marlon Brando. It is a story about three girls who get together and decide the town's most eligible bachelor must marry one of them.

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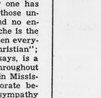
**Of Suffering**

Lesson for July 29, 1956

WHAT they did in ancient times without the mimeograph machine it is hard to imagine. If a modern church executive said to his secretary, "Miss Jones, take a letter; get it out to all the Christians in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia," Miss Jones would hardly know what to do without a typewriter and carbon paper at the least. She might wonder, too, what Christians in places as out-of-the-way as Bithynia might have in common with Christians in Asia. However, when Simon Peter wrote his letter, he knew what all those Christians had in common. "Now for a little while (he meant, to the end of their lives) you may have to suffer various trials . . ." Trouble, trials, affliction, suffering — how many words there are for it, how many different kinds of it! St. Peter's letter, written so long ago in Greek, now in English has a fresh contemporary look about it. For trials and troubles are very ancient, but they are as new as the morning paper, they are as universal as the human race.



Dr. Foreman

**Suffering and Prayer**

Christians in particular are bothered, when they think about suffering — especially their own or that of other Christians — in two ways. What is the use of suffering? and, Why should Christians suffer? These are the problems which Peter rolls into one problem: What use is it to Christians, to suffer? He brushes off one kind of suffering — when one gets into trouble on account of one's own wrongdoing. That is no puzzle. The puzzle comes when the suffering is what Christian suffers perhaps because he is a Christian and for no other reason. One use of suffering Peter remembered from his own experience. When he was in jail in Jerusalem, the church held a prayer-meeting for him. Somewhat to their astonishment, their prayer was answered. Can we suppose that Peter himself had not been praying? His trouble, in short, had brought both himself and his friends to their knees; it had made them acutely aware of their need of God, and God in turn had made them know his power. Some people make fun of "foxhole religion"; but isn't it better than none?

**Genuine Faith**

Faith that has never been tested can be real; but only God knows it. Faith tested by suffering, when it endures, demonstrates how real it is. A missionary in India was trying to talk to an Indian about Christ. The Indian, who had just lost a wife he deeply loved, cried, "You lead a happy life, everything comes your way. If you had to go through what I go through, you'd not talk about faith!" Within a few months the missionary too lost his wife by death. At the funeral he stood by the casket and said: "If the man is here who told me I had never been through what he went through, I want to talk with him after this. Now may be he will believe me." To make the story short, the Indian did come to believe as a Christian.

**Everybody Has a Heartache**

Another use for suffering is that it can open the heart wide. It does not always do this. Suffering by itself has no magic. It is only when the sufferer reaches up in trust to God that anything like "magic" comes to pass. But when one who is afflicted trusts in God even then, he may not have his pain — physical, mental or spiritual, whatever it be — removed; but he will find that he has joined the great fraternity of pain. His heart, hitherto in-human, now turns outward. He knows the password to every human heart. For every one has his own heartache, and those unacquainted with grief find no entrance. Your own heartache is the key to the hearts of all men everywhere. Suffering "as a Christian"; this above all, as Peter says, is a mark of brotherhood throughout the world. The minister in Mississippi who loses his pastorate because he says a word of sympathy for wronged Negroes; the Indian who is stoned from the village well because he has turned from Mohammed to Christ; the Spanish Christian who is forced to march in a parade at the hour of church worship; do we not suffer with them? For they are our own.

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**Frosty Lime Whip**

1 package lime flavored gelatin
1½ cups water
½ cup cream
½ cup diced, well drained canned pineapple

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Chill until thickened, but still airy. Whip with rotary beater until mixture is thick and fluffy. Fold in cream and fruit. Freeze. Garnish with maraschino cherries.

**Nut Ice Cream**

2 envelopes plain gelatin
1 pint milk
1 quart cream
1 quart milk
½ cup sugar
8 tablespoons sherry
20 drops bitter almond extract
2 cups nuts chopped fine

Soften gelatin in milk and dissolve over hot water. Cool. Add rest of ingredients. Turn into refrigerator trays and freeze or freeze in ice cream freezer.

**Refrigerated Custard Ice Cream**

2 cups milk
½ cup sugar
2 tablespoons corn starch
3 eggs—vanilla
1 pint cream
2 tablespoons sugar

Mix cornstarch and sugar. Add milk, put on stove and cook until it coats the spoon. Remove from heat and stir in well beaten egg yolks. Beat as you mix so that it will not lump. Return to stove and cook until thick. Set aside to cool. Put in freezing tray and freeze almost hard. Whip cream. Empty frozen custard into bowl with cream. Beat until frozen lumps are smooth, then fold in well beaten egg whites to which has been added 2 tablespoons sugar. Flavor with vanilla and freeze without stirring. Makes 1½ trays.

**Banana Ice Cream**

½ cup banana pulp
½ cup sugar
Salt
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1½ cups light cream

Add sugar to bananas, add salt and lemon juice. Stir cream into mixture. Freeze.

**Chocolate Ice Cream**

1½ cup sweetened condensed milk
2 squares unsweetentd chocolate
1 cup cold water
2 cups light cream or evaporated milk

Put condensed milk and chocolate in top of double boiler. Cook over rapidly water, stirring often until until thick, about ten minutes. Remove from heat. Slowly add cold water, mixing well.

Add cream and blend well. Chill and freeze.

**Devil's Food Ice Cream Loaf**

1 quart vanilla ice cream
2 layers devil's food cake
1 cup cream whipped

Line a freezing tray with waxed paper. Pack half of the vanilla ice cream into the bottom of tray. Cover with a thin layer of cake cut to fit. Pack rest of ice cream firmly on top. Place another layer of cake firmly on top. Chill in freezing compartment for several hours. Turn out on chilled platter and cover with whipped cream. Slice and serve on chilled platter.

**Peach Marlow**

¾ pound marshallows
1 cup milk
1 No. 2½ can peaches or fresh peaches
¾ cup cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt

Melt marshmellows in milk over low heat. Cool. Mash peaches. Whip cream until slightly thickened. Combine cream, marshmellow mixture, peach pulp, salt and lemon juice. Freeze in refrigerator tray. Stir once when partially frozen.

**Study "Unknown" Diseases**

A broader attack upon the "unknown" in man's major diseases will be started immediately by Veterans Administration.

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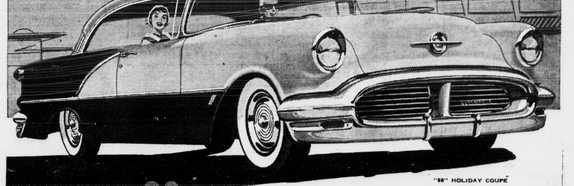

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